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SUMMARY: GROUP OF LDP DIETMEN HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR'S HELP IN MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS IN WASHINGTON IN JULY. VISIT HAS PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. LEADERS OF WHAT IS NOW EIGHT-MAN GROUP OF ENGLISHSPEAKING LDP DIETMEN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JUNE 20 TO
ENLIST HIS AID IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH CONGRESSMEN
DURING WASHINGTON VISIT JULY 19-20. EMBASSY WAS PREVIOUSLY INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT VISIT AS WELL AS
CALL ON AMBASSADOR HAD PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF FUKUDA.
AS NOTED REFTEL, MEMBERS WISH TO HAVE BILATERAL MEETINGS
IN THEIR FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION. WHILE THERE MAY BE
SOME CHANGES, FOLLOWING IS UPDATED LIST OF DIETMEN PLANNING
TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH PARTICULAR SUBJECTS EACH WOULD
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LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH CONGRESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS:

TARO NAKAYAMA, GROUP'S LEADER (UPPER HOUSE): SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLUS FOREIGN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. (NAKAYAMA, A MEDICAL DOCTOR, HAS PLAYED KEY ROLE IN DIET MANAGEMENT AS LDP STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; HE IS ALSO ONE OF FUKUDA'S KEY CAMPAIGN MANAGERS.)

SHINICHIRO SHIMOJO, GROUP'S ORGANIZER (UPPER HOUSE): PUBLIC FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY MATTERS. (SHIMOJO IS FORMER SENIOR FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO ALSO SERVED WITH WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON.)

YOSHIRO HAYASHI (LOWER HOUSE): TRADE, ENERGY, AND KOREAN MATTERS. (HE SPENT WEEK IN PYONGYANG LAST YEAR.) (HAYASHI IS FORMER MITI OFFICIAL WHO SERVED THREE YEARS IN BRUSSELS. HE HAS HELD POST OF PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING.)

TETSUO KONDO (LOWER HOUSE): AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION. (KONDO IS FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL NOW SERVING AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.)

KEIGI FURUYA (UPPER HOUSE): FOREIGN POLICY AND LOCAL GOVERN-MENT. (FURUYA HAD LONG SERVICE IN LOCAL AUTONOMY MINISTRY, RISING TO SENIOR CAREER POSITION OF VICE MINISTER.)

KAZUO AICHI (LOWER HOUSE): INDUSTRY AND TRADE. (AICHI IS ADOPTED SON OF FORMER FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER. HE WORKED FOR JAPAN STEEL FOR FOUR YEARS IN NEW YORK BEFORE SUCCEEDING TO FATHER'S SEAT.)

YUJI TSUSHIMA (LOWER HOUSE): ECONOMIC POLICY. (TSUSHIMA IS FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO STUDIED IN UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES AND SERVED WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PARIS.)

HIDEYUKI AIZAWA (LOWER HOUSE): PUBLIC FINANCE. (AIZAWA, A FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, ROSE TO HIGHEST CAREER POST OF VICE MINISTER.)

- 2. GROUP INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT ALTHOUGH SOME PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE TRAVELING SEPARATELY, ALL PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM EVENING OF JULY 18 TO MORNING OF JULY 21, AND WERE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS ALL DAY JULY 19 AND 20.
- 3. AMBASSADOR SAID EMBASSY WAS PLEASED TO SUPPORT GROUP'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON, BUT CAUTIONED THAT APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT DURING SUMMER WHEN MANY CONGRESSMEN WERE PRE-OCCUPIED WITH PRIMARIES AND NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. WITH THAT CAVEAT IN MIND, THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE COULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

NAKAYAMA -- WITH SENATOR GLENN AND REPRESENTATIVE ZABLOCKI;

SHIMOJO -- SENATORS RIBICOFF AND CRANSTON;

HAYASHI -- SENATOR KENNEDY AND REPRESENTATIVES STRATTON -- AND WOLFF;

TSUSHIMA -- SENATORS NELSON AND MORGAN;

KONDO -- SENATORS JAVITS, MCGOVERN AND LEAHY.

FURUYA, AICHI, AND AIZAWA WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED TO MISSION. WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING:

FURUYA -- SENATOR GLENN AND REPRESENTATIVE ZABLOCKI:

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AICHI -- SENATORS MOYNIHAN AND MATSUNAGA;

AIZAWA -- SENATORS MUSKIE AND BELLMON.

- 4. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT, WHILE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND THOSE APPOINTMENTS IT WOULD BE BEST IF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ACTED AS CENTRAL COORDINATION POINT. DIETMEN WERE RECEPTIVE TO OUR FURTHER SUGGESTION THAT THEY ALSO HAVE APPOINTMENTS AT STATE, COMMERCE, TREASURY, ETC., AS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. WE ALSO INDICATED MEETINGS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. ALSO ASSUME DEPARTMENT (EA AND H) MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL IDEAS.
- 5. DIETMEN UNDERTOOK TO SUPPLY EMBASSY WITH FINALIZED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WITHIN ONE WEEK. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AT THAT TIME HAVING DEPARTMENT'S READING ON FEASIBILITY OF APPOINTMENTS MENTIONED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE. MANSFIELD

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